

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for performing electronic transaction comprises:
 - a human interface module comprising a keypad, a display, a card reader, a first processing means and an internal bus for connecting the keypad, the display, the card reader and the first processing means,
 - a hosting means connectable to the human interface module through connection means, said hosting means comprising a scheduler means, a second processing means, [[and]] a memory, a communication means, and a power supply,
 - a gateway means connectable to the hosting means through a telecommunication network, said gateway means being a virtual terminal server,
wherein the human interface module is located in a transaction terminal, wherein the transaction terminal is used for transactions between a merchant and a plurality of customers while the customers are within the physical vicinity of the merchant.
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein a transaction service provider host is connectable to the gateway means.
3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the human interface module further comprises a printer.
4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the gateway means comprises a security module for performing secure communication with the hosting means.

5. (Currently Amended) A transaction terminal comprising:
 - a human interface module comprising a keypad, a display, a card reader, a first processing means and an internal bus for connecting the keypad, the display, the card reader and the processing means, and
 - a hosting means connectable to the human interface module through connection means, said hosting means comprising a scheduler means, a second processing means and a memory, communication means, and a power supply,
wherein the transaction terminal is used for transactions between a merchant and a plurality of customers while the customers are within the physical vicinity of the merchant.
6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the human interface module further comprises a printer.
7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the gateway means comprises a security module for performing secure communication with the hosting means.
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the gateway means comprises a security module for performing secure communication with the hosting means.
9. (Previously Presented) The transaction terminal of claim 5, wherein the transaction terminal is connected to a gateway means through a telecommunication network, wherein said gateway means is a virtual terminal server.
10. (Currently Amended) The transaction terminal system of claim 9, wherein said gateway means is connected to a transaction service provider host.
11. (Currently Amended) The transaction terminal system of claim 5, wherein the human interface module further comprises a printer.
12. (Currently Amended) The transaction terminal system of claim 5, wherein the gateway means comprises a security module for performing secure communication with the hosting means.

13. (New) A transaction terminal comprising:

a human interface module comprising a keypad, a display, a card reader, a first processing unit and an internal bus for connecting the keypad, the display, the card reader and the first processing unit, and

a host connectable to the human interface module through a connection unit, said host comprising a scheduler, a second processing unit and a memory, a communication unit, and a power supply,

wherein the transaction terminal is used for transactions between a merchant and a plurality of customers while the customers are within the physical vicinity of the merchant

14. (New) The transaction terminal of claim 13, wherein the transaction terminal is connected to a gateway through a telecommunication network.

15. (New) The transaction terminal of claim 14, wherein said gateway is a virtual terminal server.

16. (New) The transaction terminal of claim 14, wherein said gateway is connected to a transaction service provider host.

17. (New) The transaction terminal of claim 14, wherein said gateway comprises a security module for performing secure communication with the host.

18. (New) The transaction terminal of claim 13, wherein the human interface module further comprises a printer.